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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ONE HUNDREDTH AND SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1990 AT 5:15 P.M. IN ROOM AD-131, LOYOLA CAMPUS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ian St. Maurice called this meeting to order at 5:25 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

CO-PRESIDENTS
Stuart Letovsky (6:25 p.m.)
Tammy Powell

COMMERCE
Karen Cox
Thomas Dowd
Michael Drolet
Jennifer Kalman

ARTS AND SCIENCE
Sandra Branker
Anne-Marie Clarke
Hernani Farias
Bishara Hilal
Ra'ad Ra'ad
David Schwalb

ENGINEERING
Jarno Makkonen
Duen Lup Tsui

ABSENT
Arts and Science: Ariel Deluy, Melodie Sullivan
Commerce: Katherine Kruse
Fine Arts: George Liem

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Be It Resolved That the agenda of the 116th meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

Moved by: M. Drolet
Seconded by: B. Hilal

T. Powell requested that item 7.3 be removed from the agenda, since A. Pacheco cannot attend, due to class. She also said that item 8.1 should be removed, and that in its' place should be the Auditor's Date, in order to present CUSA's statements. T. Powell said that WUSC is awaiting ratification and that this issue should be item 8.2.

T. Powell said that the middleman for the handbook will be present tonight. She also said that this conflict should not be put off if CUSA is intending on taking legal action against the Printing Company. Tammy said that this item should be 7.1. R. Ra'ad seconded this item.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND ITEM 7.1 6 / 0 / 6 CARRIED

T. Powell said that WUSC is awaiting ratification, as a CUSA group and that this should be included under item 8.2.

R. Ra'ad said that the nature of this conflict with the Printing Company should be brought forth under reports, and that this is a decision that should be brought forth under the executive level. He also said that if money was lost, and the delivery date was not met, this should be included in the report and the directors should be notified if a legal lawsuit will be considered. H. Farias agreed with R. Ra'ad and said that it is the job of the Board to help out T. Powell. He also advised her to choose a date for the auditor's to present CUSA's statements.

D. Schwalb proposed adding two motions under New Business:
8.3 Blanket Motion for the Board of Directors
8.4 Judicial Board Decisions Null and Void Since April 1st, 1990

Moved by: D. Schwalb
Seconded by: B. Hilal

K. Cox asked to know why Steering Committee did not meet to filter out these issues. The Chair replied that he was out of town. He also said that he had left a notice with one of the two Co-Presidents to hold a Steering Committee meeting last Friday, but that it did not take

place. The Chair said that the agenda constitutes Old Business which was never resolved.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INSERT 8.3 AND 8.4 9 / 0 / 3 CARRIED

H. Farias asked to know when the first CCSL meeting will be taking place and when the representatives for CCSL will be ratified. M. Farber replied that there will be time to ratify these individuals before the first CCSL meeting.

J. Makkonen requested that item 8.5 be included for the Constitutional Committee.

Moved by: J. Makkonen
Seconded by: T. Dowd

T. Powell said that this issue came up several times and that it should not be put in the form of a motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO INCLUDE ITEM 8.5 UNANIMOUS

VOTE ON AMENDED AGENDA 8 / 0 / 4 CARRIED

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chair said that " le tour de table " would be taking place.

(Time: 5:50 p.m.)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Be It Resolved That the minutes of the 111th, 112th, 113th ,114th and 115th meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: M. Drolet

T. Powell said that on P. 4 of the 114th minutes, it should read that "only three of them attended".

Moved by: T. Powell
Seconded by: D. Schwalb

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND 6 / 0 / 5 CARRIED

T. Powell said that on P. 8 of the 114th meeting, there should be an insert of F. D' Orazio's camera being taken away.

Moved by: T. Powell
Seconded by: R. Ra'ad

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND 7 / 0 / 4 CARRIED

MOTION TO TABLE THE 114TH, 115TH MINUTES

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: T. Dowd

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE THE 114TH, 115TH MINUTES 9 / 0 / 3 CARRIED

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE 111TH, 112TH, AND 113TH MINUTES 6 / 0 / 7 CARRIED

6. REPORTS

T. Powell said that the deadline to apply for the position of Status of Women is tomorrow. She also said that she has started working on her summer report.

T. Powell said that she met with Q-PIRG to discuss environmental issues and that it went very well. She also said that James Brown is attending the Canadian Federation of Students Conference and that CUSA could not afford to send too many individuals.

T. Powell said that the deadline to apply for the CUSACORP Board of Directors is as well today.

S. Sloan, V.P. Finance, said that CUSA has received $30,000 more this year from CUSA fees. due to an increase in student enrollment. He also said that CUSA has collected $7,500 from ECA for the last two years.

S. Sloan said that he is working on a fundraising project for CUSA, which comes in the form of an Entertainment book valid for restaurants, gyms, rentals, etc. He also said that CUSA makes $8.00 profit on each book and intends to sell them to students for $35.00 each.

M. Farber said that interviews were held for CCSL. He also said that speakers will be on hand next week for the municipal debate on the 30-31st at 5:30 p.m.

B Farmer said that he has succeeded in recruiting a Fine Arts student and that he hopes that she will be able to recruite the other five candidates. He also said that the Arts and Science Faculty meeting that was scheduled was cancelled.

B. Farmer said that he is looking into publishing a booklet on education related issues to distribute to students. He also said that in regards to J. Makkonen's letter, that textbooks be made available to students before the GST comes into effect, he is looking into making the Deans of the various departments aware of this issue.

B. Farmer said that he is the CUSA representative for the Status of Women, regarding the trajedy that took place last year at Ecole Polytechnique. He said that a memorial will be taking place on December 6,1990 to commemorate the women who were killed and that CUSA will donate $150.00 towards candles.

J. Kalafatidis said that he is working on promoting CUSA's image and that if anyone is interested to know what he is doing they to drop by and see him on Friday at 1 p.m. He also said that he is helping S. Sloan on his fundraising project.

H. Farias asked to know what J. Kalafatidis intends on doing about the boxes of handbooks that are clogging up the executive office. S. Letovsky replied that it is the duty of the V.P. Communications to distribute them. He also said that since the V. P. Communications has resigned, that he has taken the liberty of completing the last details regarding the handbook. Stuart said that he has thought about having students hired to distribute them.

S. Letovsky distributed the Envirorock report.

(Time: 6:40 p.m.)

H. Farias asked to know why applications have been directed to the attention of S. Letovsky. T. Powell said that she has been receiving quite a few in her mailbox as well. S. Letovsky said that the only applications that have been directed to his attention are the ones advertising for the CUSACORP Board of directors and that the reason for this, is to simplify the process and make it clearer. H. Farias said that all applications should be directed to the Executive Administrator.

H. Farias asked to know what is being done about the Housing Salary Increase. M. Farber replied that he has to put a motion through CCSL for this. H. Farias said that an annual increase is supposed to be built in.

H. Farias asked to know why the Emergency Loan Program, which was once a flexible way of receiving assistance is now restricted to only 10 a day. M. Farber said that it was only this past Monday that he took notice of this. H. Farias said that it has been like this for over a year now and that some students have been receiving up to 3 loans at a time..

(Time: 6:45 p.m.)

K. Cox said that it is not appropriate to hire people to distribute the handbooks and that the executives should volunteer to do this themselves. K. Cox also asked the V.P. Public Relations to give a report to the Board. J. Kalafatidis said that he has been working on the Imaginus Posters and that he has been putting various posters up around the University advertising for various events. K. Cox said that this is time consuming and that he should look into perhaps creating the posters, rather than putting them up.

D. Schwalb asked to know about the mess-up that has occured with handing out nomination forms ahead of time. S. Letovsky replied that due to the fact that a few individuals have been anxious to obtain nomination forms for positions still open on the Board of Directors, the receptionists have handed out the few that they had in their posession at the front desk. He also said that only when Judicial Board confirms the nomination period will the Executive Administrator hand out the new set of nomination forms.

T. Taylor asked for a more detailed report from J. Kalafatidis. He replied that the reason why CUSA's image is so bad, is because of the Link and that in order to improve it, members of CUSA should write to them to improve it. K. Cox said that he is harming CUSA by saying this.

S. Letovsky said that in regards to the Preliminary Conference to save the environment, he should be receiving information by next week. He also said that he asked for two delegates, but that they haven't been picked yet. Stuart said that he has been putting in at least 30 hours a week in the office, 20 hours during the regular office hours and that he can be reached by appointment as well.

J. Makkonen said that it seems that the Co-Presidents have their hands full and that perhaps some of the dedicated directors can help out in certain areas. T. Powell said that she has been presenting committees to the Board and that she has gotten no response from any.

T. Dowd asked S. Sloan why the Board doesn't receive summarized statements. S. Sloan said that he will look into it.

H. Farias asked to know if CUSA has received any money from CASA and ECA yet. T. Powell said that the amount has not been set yet, but that negotiations will be taking place with CASA at a meeting soon.

B. Hilal asked to know if advertising for the positions of Board of Governors have taken place. S. Letovsky replied that it has, and that an acceptable amount of applications have been received. K. Cox asked S. Letovsky why the secretary of the Board of Governors has not been informed of S. Letovsky's resignation from the Board of Governors, as of last Friday at 8:00 a.m. S. Letovsky said that he had sent her a letter stating that he had resigned a while ago.

7.1 Report on Handbook

Clifford Schwartz, the broker for the handbook presented himself to the Board. He said that he was the middleman between CUSA and the printers and that he is in the process of working on re-negotiations for compensation.

C. Schwartz said that CUSA's reputation has been marred by the handbook coming out so late and that financial compensation is sought. He also said that advertisers have complained and would like compensation themselves. Clifford said that due to the fact, that there was no penalty clause, there are no compensations due from the broker. He also said that there is a letter signed by B. Jones requesting compensation for each day late and that S. Letovsky's suggestion of a compensation of $2,000.00, due to CUSA's reputation being marred would never stand up in court.

C. Schwartz said that if he compensates CUSA, he needs a signed staement by all advertisers, somewhere within the range of 7%, which he is not prepared to give.

Be It Resolved That the issue of the handbook be referred to the executive level, the lawyer and that appropriate action be taken.

Moved by: R. Ra'ad
Seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION **10/0/3** **CARRIED**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by: M. Drolet
Seconded by: R. Ra'ad

VOTE ON MOTION TO ADJOURN **2/5/3** **DEFEATED**

7.2 Ratification of V. P. Liaison

Be It Resolved That Malcolm Thompson be ratified for the position of Vice-President Liaison for the 1990-91 term.

Moved by: T. Powell
Seconded by: B. Hilal

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

7.3 Nicaraguan Coffee

Be It Resolved That CUSA rescind the Nicaraguan Motion.

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: T. Powell

Steve Cabilio introduced himself to the Board and said that he was a student in 1986 when the motion was introduced. He expressed concern that even though the situation has changed, the motion should still stand. H. Farias replied that it is the spirit of the motion that counts, but that the people in the office that drink Nicaraguan coffee find that it has a bitter taste to it. D. Ahmad, member of Central America said that it is the spirit of democracy that counts and that no one is imposed to drink Nicaraguan Coffeee. He also said that it is a tricky issue and that perhaps CUSA should try out other types of Bridgehead coffee. D. Ahmad said that preferences should not be given and that CUSA can support any co-operative they wish to.

(Time: 7:30 p.m.)

Be It Resolved That CUSA purchases Bridgehead Coffee and support for its' operations its' co-operative members.

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: D. Schwalb

VOTE ON MOTION 8 / 0 / 1 CARRIED

7.4 Ratification of Appointments For Senate

Be It Resolved That Ian St. Maurice, David Schwalb, and Tamara Taylor be ratified for the positions of Senate Representatives for the 1990-91 term.

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: B. Hilal

MOTION TO BREAK UP THE MOTION

Moved by: T. Dowd
Seconded by: S. Letovsky

Be It Resolved That Ian St. Maurice be ratified for the position of Senate Representative for the 1990-91 term.

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: B. Hilal

Ian St. Maurice steps aside as chair and A. Pacheco takes over.

(Time: 7:35 p.m.)

I. St. Maurice said that he applied for the position because of his experience on Senate last year and the fact that he is a good representative for students.

H. Farias asked to know how I. St. Maurice intends on disassociating his position as Chair from the various committees he has applied to sit on. I. St. Maurice replied that he has demonstrated his unbiasedness at the Board, as Chairperson and that it is hardly ever heard of for a Chair to step aside to clarify issues regarding Senate. He also said that this is the job of the V. P. Education.

B. Hilal said that it was a difficult choice to make, but I. St. Maurice's experience proved beneficial as Senator last year. K. Cox also said that I. St. Maurice has the capability to be a good Senator.

H. Farias asked to know how I. St. Maurice intends on separating the two issues of CCSL and Senate. I. St. Maurice said that he does not see a conflict and that J. Serruya sat on Senate last year. He also said that it is good practice to have one experienced individual sitting on both committees.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: T. Dowd
Seconded by: R. Ra'ad

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	9 / 0 / 1	CARRIED
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Be It Resolved That D. Schwalb be ratified for the position of Senate Representative for the 1990-91 term.

Moved by: B. Hilal
Seconded by: H. Farias

D. Schwalb said that last year he proposed a lot of interesting ideas to Y. Jen, V.P. Education, such as having class averages printed on transcripts and that she acted as a Liaison Officer.

K. Cox said that the committee met and that it was a difficult process, but that D. Schwalb was one of the best candidates.

S. Letovsky asked to know if D. Schwalb had any new ideas this year for Senate. D. Schwalb replied that he doesn't but that he is open to suggestions.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: R. Ra'ad
Seconded by: B. Hilal

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION	8 / 1 / 1	CARRIED
VOTE ON MOTION	9 / 0 / 1	CARRIED

Be It Resolved That Tamara Taylor be ratified for the position of Senate Representative for the 1990-91 term.

Moved by: H. Farias
Seconded by: B. Hilal

T. Taylor said that she formulates and voices her own opinion based on the opinions and concerns of students.

H. Farias asked to know how she intends on contending with experienced Senators. T. Taylor said that she has tried a little bit of everything and that every person has their own viewpoint.

B. Hilal said that she was a very good candidate.

S. Letovsky asked to know if she has any new interesting ideas to propose for Senate. T. Taylor said that she would like to see course outlines allocated before registration proceeds, either at the library or at the CUSA desk. She said that it is very important to have a good understanding of what a course is about before registering for it

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: R. Ra'ad
Seconded by: B. Hilal

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION 8 / 0 / 2 CARRIED

VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS

8.2 WUSC Ratification

Be It Resolved That WUSC be ratified and recognized as a CUSA group.

Moved by: S. Letovsky
Seconded by: R. Ra'ad

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 8.2

Moved by: T. Dowd
Seconded by: B. Hilal

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 8.2 6 / 3 / 1 CARRIED

8.1 Auditor's Date

Be It Resolved That the Auditor's date be ready for the next meeting two hours beforehand.

Moved by: R. Ra'ad
seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION 9 / 0 / 2 CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Ian St. Maurice, Chairperson

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Helen Danakas, Recording Secretary